

AMENDED CLAIMS

1. A package of a flexible material which has been formed into an envelope (1), which package comprises an access opening, which is closed by means of a seal (4) which has been formed by bonding together two or more contacting layers of the material in a particular area, which package can be opened by pulling apart two bonded-together layers of material in said area, to which end the flexible material is provided with an engagement portion (7), wherein the portion of the seal (4) area that is positioned closest to said engagement portion (7) has a convex edge, characterized in that said engagement portion (7) is positioned in the part of the package which is intended for enveloping the packaged product, and said convex edge is directed inwardly.
2. A package according to claim 1, characterised in that said convex edge comprises two substantially straight edge portions, which include an angle with each other.
3. A package according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that said convex edge is substantially curved
4. A package according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that said area has substantially the same width along its length.
5. A package according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the width of said area near the engagement portion (7) is smaller than near the edges of said access opening.
6. A package according to any one of the preceding

claims, characterised in that said seal (4) is substantially in the form of a stripe.

5 7. A package according to claim 6, characterised in that said seal (4) is substantially in the form of a V-stripe.

10 8. A package according to anyone of the preceding claims, characterised in that said package substantially consists of one piece of flexible material.

15 9. A method for producing a package of a flexible material, wherein two or more contacting layers of the material are bonded together in a particular area, in such a manner that the package can be opened by pulling apart two bonded layers of material in said area by engaging said flexible material at the location of an engagement portion (7), wherein the part of the area located closest to said engagement portion (7) is provided with a convex edge, characterized in that said engagement portion (7) is positioned in the part of the package which is intended for enveloping the packaged product, *and said convex edge is directed inwardly.*

20 10. A method for packaging a product, wherein the product is enveloped with a flexible material, wherein two or more contacting layers of the material are bonded together in a particular area, in such a manner that the package can be opened by pulling apart two bonded layers of material in said area by engaging said flexible material at the location of an engagement portion (7), wherein the part of the area located closest to said engagement portion (7) is provided with a convex edge, characterized in that said engagement portion (7)

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is positioned in the part of the package which is intended for enveloping the packaged product, and *said convex edge is directed inwardly.*

- 5 ~~11. A method for opening a package of a flexible material, which package is closed by means of a seal (4) which has been formed by bonding together two or more contacting layers of the material in a particular area, wherein the bonded material is pulled loose, starting at a portion of the area where the edge of said area has a convex shape, characterized in that the bonded material is pulled loose by engaging and pulling the package at a part which is intended for enveloping the packaged product.~~